

# HOWARD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

## PRIORITY LETTER

for

Maryland Department of Transportation Consolidated Transportation Program

Fiscal Years 2022-2027

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## PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

FEBRUARY 17, 2021



## Agenda and Purpose

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Purpose of the meeting

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What is the priority letter

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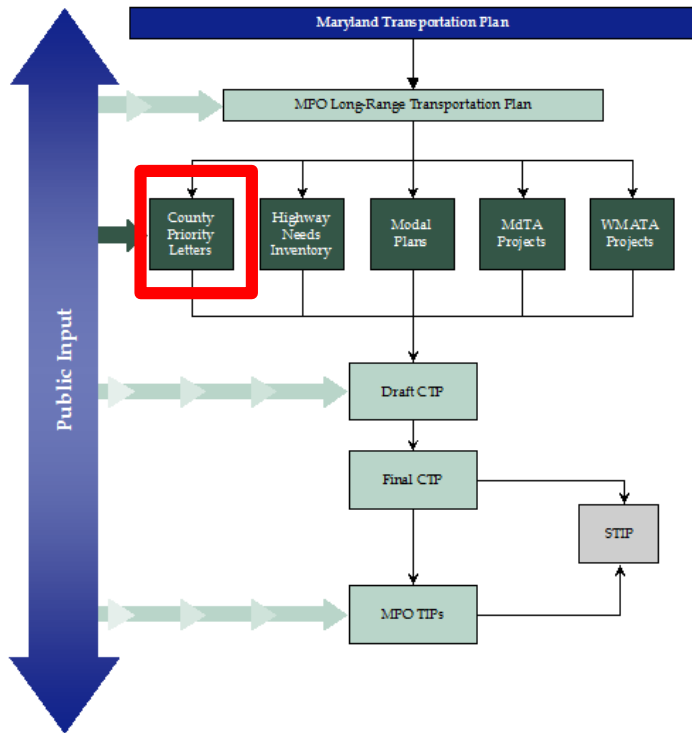
What we did last year

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Important changes

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Schedule for FY 2022



How They Relate

# What role does the priority letter play

- Priority letters represent each County's internal ranking of transportation priorities
- Priority letters involve requests for a wide variety of projects, such as transit improvements, highway reconstruction, highway capacity projects
- Multi-modal submissions enable local governments to have a greater impact on all State transportation investment decisions



# What goals do projects need to meet

# Last Year's Letter

## Organized into four sections

All funding requests are prioritized in the letter

1. **Support of State projects** 2 state led projects
2. **Thank You and Acknowledgments** 6 projects that were funded and in process or continuing cooperation with county funded projects
3. **Requests for Funding**
  - 10 funding requests for design and engineering
  - 7 requests for capital and construction
4. **Requests for Technical Assistance & Support** 7 projects/areas

# The Scoring System

A maximum of 10 projects in the priority letter will get scored by the MDOT.

Road and transit expansion projects over \$5 Million

Must have completed planning process with selected alternates

Is not prescriptive for MDOT

A subset of projects in the priority letter

## Chapter 30

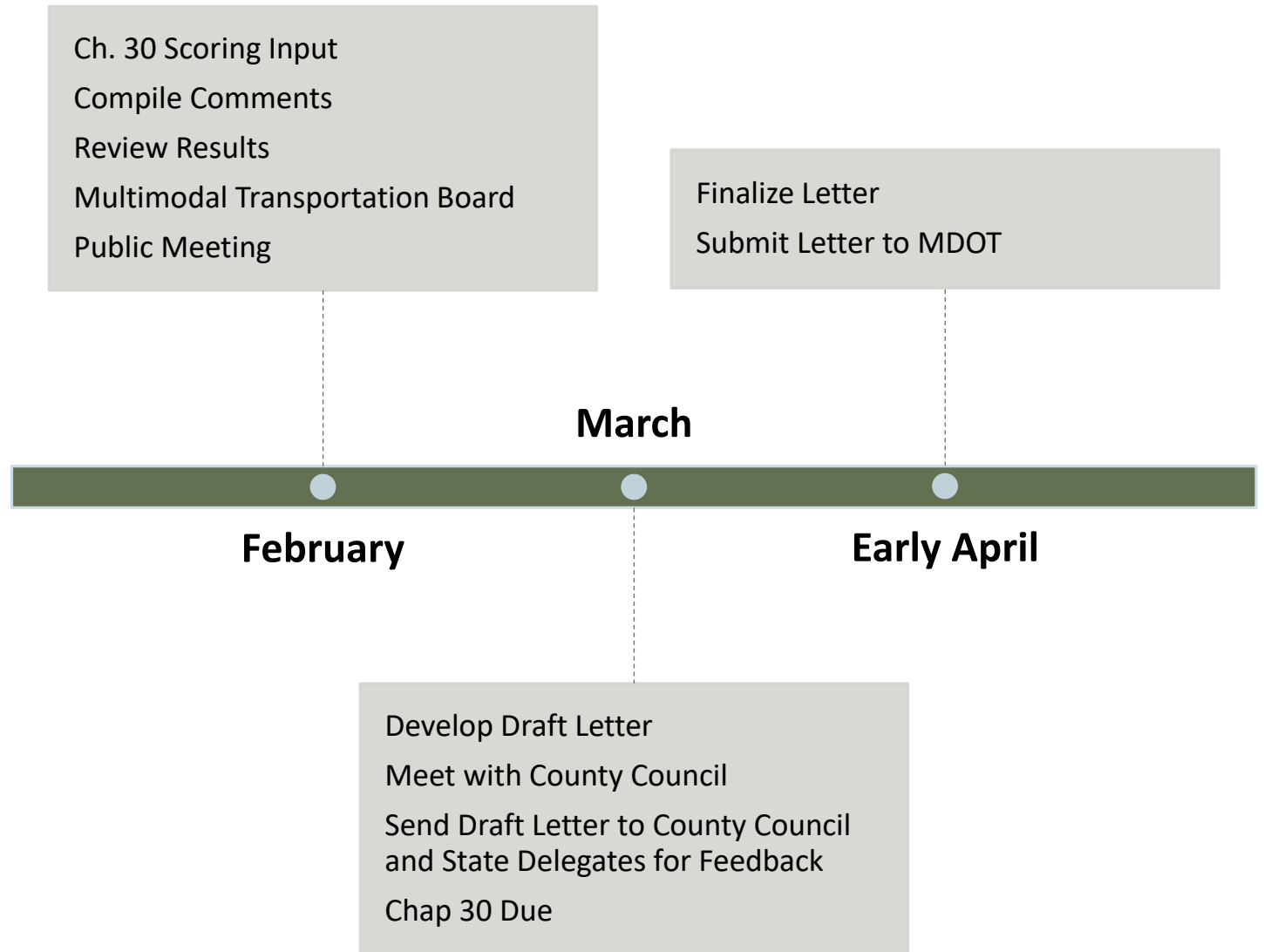
(Senate Bill 307)

AN ACT concerning

### ~~Repeal of the~~ Maryland Open Transportation Investment Decision Act ~~of 2016~~ = Application and Evaluation ~~(Road Kill Bill Repeal)~~

FOR the purpose of ~~repealing certain State transportation goals; repealing a requirement that the Department of Transportation score the extent to which certain projects satisfy certain goals; repealing a requirement that the Department develop a certain scoring system and promulgate certain regulations; repealing a requirement that the Department submit a certain list; repealing a requirement that the Department evaluate, score, and rank certain projects for inclusion in a certain program; repealing a requirement that certain projects be ranked in a certain manner; repealing a requirement that the Department incorporate certain State transportation goals into a certain program and a certain plan; repealing a requirement that certain analyses and benchmarks are included in a certain program and certain plan; making this Act an emergency measure altering the definition of "major transportation project"; repealing the requirement that the Department of Transportation adopt certain regulations on or before a certain date; requiring the Department to develop a certain model that uses a certain project-based scoring system to rank certain projects; requiring the Department to use the model to rank certain projects; requiring the Department to include a certain ranking and certain project scores in an appendix to the Consolidated Transportation Program and make the ranking and project scores available on the Department's Web site; altering the manner by which the Department evaluates and scores certain major transportation projects; expanding and altering the list of the State's transportation goals and establishing and altering certain measures for the goals; repealing a requirement that the Department multiply certain scores by a certain weighting factor; repealing the requirement that the Department prioritize certain projects for inclusion in the Consolidated Transportation Program; repealing the authorization of the Department to include certain projects with a certain score in the Consolidated Transportation Program under certain circumstances; specifying~~

# Schedule







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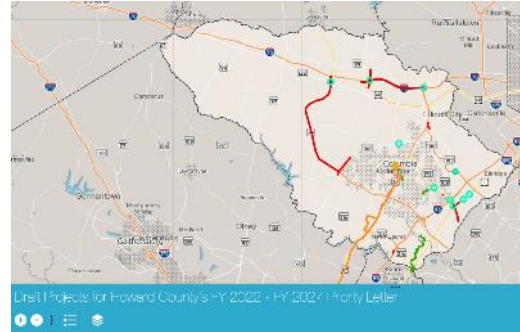
April 1, 2020

The Honorable Gregory Slater  
Office of the Secretary  
Maryland Department of Transportation  
7201 Corporate Center Drive  
Hanover, MD 21076

**Re: FY 2021-2026 Howard County Priority Letter**

Dear Secretary Slater:

Please accept the following "Priority Letter" from Howard County. The letter includes a list of transportation projects Howard County is recommending be included and funded by the Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) FY 2021-2026 Consolidated Transportation Program and includes requests for technical and policy support. Funding requests are listed in priority order.



## FY 2022 - FY 2027 Howard County Priority Letter to the Maryland Department of Transportation

### Motor Vehicle Projects:



Projects that focus on increasing capacity for automobiles, such as roadway widening, smart signals, or upgrade interchanges.

Low Priority Medium Priority High Priority Choose Priority Rank

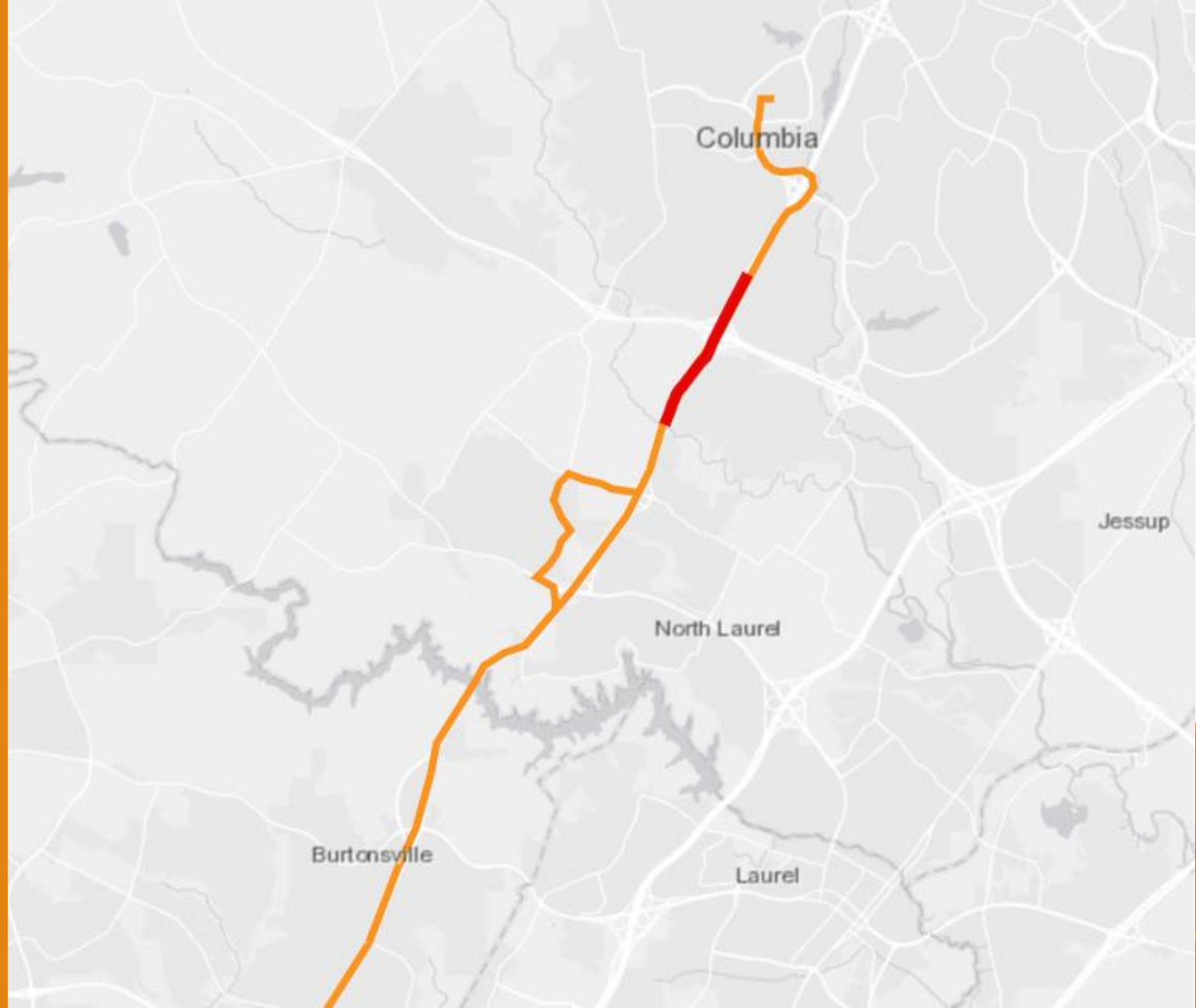


- Review online maps of projects
- Take the survey
- Review last years letter
- Are there issues, areas and challenges that need to be addressed?
- What kinds of projects and modes would you prioritize?
- Are there new projects that you want?

## No 1. Priority in both Design/Engineering and Construction

Study and design a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system to relieve congestion on the busy commuting corridors in Howard County, in particular to the Washington Metro area.

Widening of US 29 from the Middle Patuxent River to Seneca Drive, including improvements to accommodate BRT and Rivers Edge Intersection

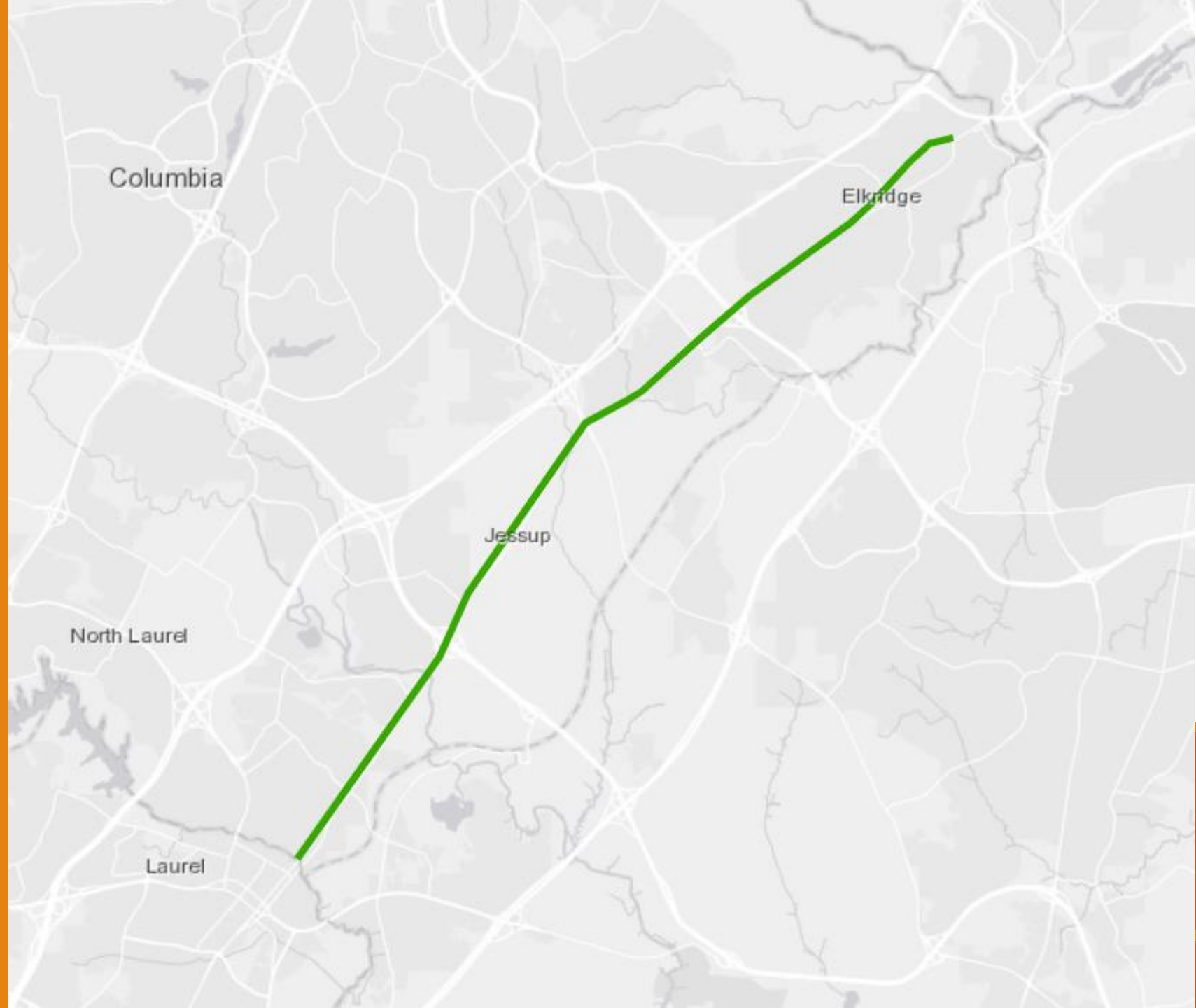


# No 2. Priority in Capital and Construction

US 1 Safety: Funding, and technical support to advance the planning, design and construction of pedestrian and traffic safety initiatives and measures in the US 1 corridor.

## 4 Projects







- Guilford Road
- Rowanberry Drive
- Brewers Court
- Dr. Patel Drive



Early Opportunity	
1	Morgan State Univ. to South Baltimore
2	Glen Burnie to South Baltimore
6	Towson to UM Transit Center
12	Mondawmin to South Baltimore
13	Rogers Avenue to City Hall
16	Ellicott City to Convention Center
17	West Baltimore to Hopkins Bayview
18	Sparrows Point to Hopkins Bayview
19	State Center to Hopkins Bayview
20	Walbrook Junction to Berea
27	Ellicott City to Silver Spring

Transit: Design and engineering for Howard County's Priority transit corridors.

**What is a Regional Transit Corridor?**

 <p><b>Available Modes</b> Limited Stop or Express Bus Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Light Rail Heavy Rail Commuter Rail</p>	 <p><b>Transit Priority</b> Varying use of dedicated roadway/ right-of-way space and/or coordinated traffic signals</p>	 <p><b>Frequency</b> At least every 15 minutes peak At least every 20 to 60 minutes off-peak</p>
 <p><b>Operating Hours</b> 14 to 24 hours per day 7 days a week</p>	 <p><b>Stops</b> Limited suburban stops More frequent urban stops</p>	 <p><b>Other Characteristics</b> On-board and off-board fare payment Stops with shelters, wayfinding, and lighting</p>

No 2. Priority in both Design and Engineering

# Things To Think About

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## Considerations

- State Funding Cuts
- Federal Program Changes (Stimulus)
- 6 year time horizon in the CTP
- Travel Patterns
- Previous Requests
- HoCo By Design

## Opportunities?

- Smaller scale projects?
  - Bike Focus?
  - Ped Focus?
  - Safety Focus?

## Comments and Feedback

### Tonight

- Via the Chat
- E-mail to:  
[transportation@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:transportation@howardcountymd.gov)

### Later

- Office of Transportation Website
- Via survey
- E-mail to:  
[transportation@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:transportation@howardcountymd.gov)

By March 3, 2021



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INTO THE CHAT BOX